

CTFNews

Children's Trust Fund Michigan Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America

A Kid Helping Kids

How do you raise \$85,000 to prevent child abuse? With a four-year-old grocer and a man who sleeps on a roof, of course.

Every year the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council holds its annual Roofsit. Port Huron radio personality and program director Chuck Santoni spends a week on the roof of Birchwood Mall in Fort Gratiot to raise money and awareness for the council, which is working to open a child advocacy center to help abused children.

During the 2005 Roofsit, Santoni was given a jar stuffed with \$180 by four-year-old Jacob Ciccarello — proceeds from his very own produce store.

With the help of his parents and little sister, Jacob sells vegetables from a small stand called the Little Hands, Helping Hands Garden in front of his Port Huron home.

"It's for Mr. Chuck because of the Roofsit and to help kids with abuse and neglect," Jacob said as he displayed his merchandise, which comes from a five-acre plot donated by his grandparents.

According to Jacob, sales of peppers, squash and beans have been good this year — good enough to fill four jars with \$800.

"I thought I'd only have one jar," says Jacob. "Maybe next year we'll have five jars."

Jacob has also raised awareness for child abuse prevention by twice being featured in the Port Huron *Times-Herald*.

"It's kind of gone to his head a little bit," says Jacob's mother Katrina. "We tease him that we're going to have to get him an agent."

Sally Straffon, executive director of the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, appreciates Jacob's hard work.

"One of the most heartwarming parts has been the commitment by children and their families to make the world a better place for kids," says Straffon. "Jacob is the most darling example of this. His efforts and sincerity and his perseverance are so heartwarming."

Previous Roofsits have raised more than \$100,000.

"This is our twelfth year, and it's almost getting to be a household word," says Straffon. "There's a tremendous amount of interest in this event." ■



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Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is: Check To Protect Kids



Richard Bearup, Deborah Strong, Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, Stacey Murray, Board Chair Nancy Moody, Governor Jennifer Granholm, DHS Director Marianne Udow, Senator Mark Schauer.

Taxpayers have a new way to help fight child abuse—the Children's Trust Fund Michigan income tax check-off.

Legislation introduced by Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) and Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) amended the Income Tax Act to reinstate the income tax check-off that allows taxpayers to contribute money from their tax refund to CTF. It became law in time for the 2006 Michigan tax forms.

"No child should live in fear of abuse and preventing abuse is what the CTF tax check-off is all about," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm when signing the legislation.

The reinstatement of the income tax check-off was crucial in order for local councils to have the financial support they need for important child abuse and neglect prevention programs in Michigan.

From 1983 to 2000, a check-off on Michigan tax forms allowed taxpayers to donate \$2 or more of their refund to CTF. During that time, more than 2.2 million tax returns generated \$14.8 million for CTF.

In 2000, however, the check-off was removed from tax returns.

Since then, private donations and the interest and earnings of CTF were the only funds available for disbursement. At the same time, fluctuations in the stock market slowed growth of CTF's assets, raising concern that CTF might not earn enough to cover future obligations.

Since its return, the tax check-off has generated \$357,082 as of November 2006.

The CTF check-off is located on line 30 of the Michigan tax form. Taxpayers are encouraged to fill in the amount they wish to donate. The minimum contribution is \$5. Gifts are tax-deductible in the following tax year.

Spread the word! All taxpayers are urged to consider donating a portion of their Michigan tax refund to the Children's Trust Fund. Let your tax preparer know you want to do your part to support children and their families. CTF relies on your help because it receives no funding from the State of Michigan. Every dollar donated makes a difference in the life of a Michigan child.

With everyone's help, just think what could be done to prevent child abuse. ■

Executive Director's News

Rich Bearup, CTF Executive Director



We hope you find this first edition of CTF News to be informative, helpful and evidence of CTF's commitment to communicating and listening to local and state child abuse prevention leaders.

I was honored to be appointed executive director by the CTF Board in January 2006.

Briefly, my background includes serving for four years as Michigan's first Children's Ombudsman, six years as executive vice president of Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan, and several years as chief of staff for members of the Michigan Senate from both parties.

The CTF is concluding its 24th year as Michigan's only statewide, private, non-profit agency working to prevent child abuse and neglect. During this time, the CTF has raised more than \$60 million in charitable funds for local prevention projects.

During 2006 a number of key developments and changes have occurred at the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan:

- Efforts are underway to bring the last county in the state without a local prevention council into the fold with the 72 other Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) councils.
- The CTF Board of Directors designated nearly \$100,000 in new funding for local CAN councils (2006-2007) and nearly \$80,000 in additional funding for competitive grant applications.

- The restoration of the CTF income tax check-off, enacted into law in late 2005, has yielded more than \$350,000 in new voluntarily contributed funds from nearly 10,000 state income tax filers.
- The CTF license plate ("Just Love 'Em") has again brought in nearly \$200,000 in earmarked donations to our organization.
- Our Fourth Annual "Cherish the Children" Auction, held in May of this year, brought in record-breaking proceeds of \$379,000 in one night.
- Most importantly, however, is the fact that our 72 local CAN councils, 36 direct service grant recipients, and 37 zero-to-three secondary prevention programs have done an outstanding job in their local communities and regions to raise the bar of effective child abuse prevention. Thank you!

Please call or write me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about how CTF can better serve you, your organizations, and especially the children and families we are mutually committed to protect. I can be reached at 1-800-CHILDREN or bearupr2@michigan.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Bearup".

2007 Calendar

April
Child Abuse Prevention Month

29 National Blue Sunday

May
1 Fifth Annual Cherish the Children Fantasy Auction
Breslin Center, East Lansing

June
National Family Month

September
Childhood Cancer Month

October
SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome)
Awareness Month
Children's Health Month

2 National Child Health Day

9-11 2007 CTF Annual Conference
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

November
Prematurity Awareness Month

21 Prematurity Awareness Day



Nancy Moody: never too busy for children

Nancy Moody was appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm as CTF Board of Directors Chair in April 2004. Despite her busy and demanding position as state government affairs director for DTE Energy, Nancy continually finds time for CTF and child abuse prevention.

How did you get to be the CTF Board Chair?

Governor Granholm is a great believer in people and she believed in my ability to chair the CTF board. When the position opened, her office approached me regarding the governor's desire for a strong local leader to guide the organization. While I did not have a background in children's services, I did possess some organizational expertise gained from managing the DTE Energy State Government Affairs office, chairing the Michigan Manufacturers Association government affairs committee, serving as the long-time chair of

Michigan Habitat for Humanity's annual fundraising efforts, directing my daughter's gymnastics booster club, and leading countless school committees. I think the governor believed that my organizational expertise, coupled with a solid background in volunteer fundraising, and supported by the wonderful resources of DTE Energy, would enable me to perform the duties of the job.

What are you most proud of having helped accomplish as Board Chair?

A return of the income tax check-off for CTF! Working together with Governor Granholm's team and a handful of enthusiastic legislators, CTF and the board were able to successfully advocate for adoption of legislation that reinstated the Children's Trust Fund income tax check-off, which had been eliminated in 2000. In its 17-year operation, the check-off generated nearly \$15 million for CTF, or nearly a million dollars per year. The end of this stable source of revenue placed the operational ability of CTF in jeopardy. Now, with the check-off reinstated, we believe the CTF can continue to build its endowment and earn enough interest to meet its current and future obligations to the programs it supports to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In addition to the check-off, I am very proud of the work the board has accomplished to reorganize the CTF staff and to create a stronger working relationship with local councils and direct service grant recipients. We wanted to make sure that regardless of who served on the CTF board in the future, processes would be in place to allow for seamless transitions of staff and board members, and for continued progress in CTF's mission to help prevent child abuse and neglect. While new challenges will never cease to present themselves, we think that an organization is now securely in place to meet those challenges head on.

Have there been any disappointments?

Yes, I'm disappointed and saddened every time I hear about a child being abused in Michigan. We all are. We know that at least 85 percent of child abuse and neglect can be prevented with the kinds of coordinated family support services that receive funding through CTF.

Every tax check-off, every CTF license plate, and every hour that child advocates volunteer across Michigan not only helps protect kids, it helps stop the cycle of abuse. Today's victims are too often tomorrow's abusers. We just need to keep communicating that to the public, to government leaders, to everyone.

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Interview, continued

What have you enjoyed the most about being involved with CTF?

Being a mom and wife with two happy, healthy adult children, I know I've been blessed. Working with and for CTF affords me a rewarding opportunity to give back to society by helping organizations that offer at-

risk kids a better chance at the childhoods they deserve. In addition, I've met so many wonderful people from around the state who are doing great things for young people. It's been an honor to play a small role to assist local child advocates who stabilize and strengthen families in need.

Last, I'd just like to mention the Cherish the Children auction, our annual fundraiser in Lansing

that raised over \$300,000 in 2006. A previous CTF board established the auction in 2002, and our incredible CTF staff just keeps raising the bar by breaking its fundraising record every year. As we gear up for the 2007 auction, I'd like to encourage everyone to participate in this glorious event. It's fun, it feels good, and it helps raise much needed funds to support child abuse and neglect programs! ■

CTF Will Miss Dr. Noor



Dr. Ismail Noor, CTF's Information System Administrator, has taken an early retirement from the State of Michigan and accepted a position with the Dearborn school district.

Since 1994, Ismail's duties have included administering the e-Grams system and the Program Information System (PIMS), coordinating the RFP process, and monitoring a number of CTF funded direct services programs.

Dr. Noor holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a doctorate in Sociology from Michigan State University. He lives in Dearborn with his wife Hana and daughters Besan, Nada and Saja.

A License To Care: CTF "Just Love 'Em" License Plates

The Children's Trust Fund specialty license plate is a great way to help prevent child abuse.

These miniature, moving billboards are an excellent "vehicle" for reminding everyone about the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect. As of December 2006, there are more than 16,000 active plates on cars throughout Michigan. The license plates raised nearly \$200,000 in 2005 and again this year.



For just \$35, anyone can purchase the "Just Love 'Em" plate at any Michigan Secretary of State's office or use the order form available at www.michigan.gov/ctf. The Secretary of State's office will mail the plate to your home within 14 business days. If you are purchasing a new car, your dealer can handle the transaction for you.

Buy a "Just Love 'Em" children's license plate for your car (or pickup truck, van or RV). Talk about CTF and the "Just Love 'Em" children's license plate with family, friends and co-workers. Let them know that the money raised comes back to protect children in your community. Or consider purchasing a plate as a birthday gift for yourself or others. You can order a plate at any time (no need to wait for a birthday).

CTF uses the proceeds to fund local councils and help prevent child abuse and neglect. They also fund direct service programs and outreach through programs like "Never Shake A Baby" and "In Michigan We Love Our Kids."

Together we can help prevent child abuse — one plate at a time. ■

2006 Annual Conference

The Children's Trust Fund 2006 Annual Conference was held October 8-10 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

CTF had its largest attendance ever with approximately 230 registrants. The conference included more than 20 different workshops and two keynote speakers.

Fourteen CTF Annual Awards were also presented during the conference at a special luncheon. The 2006 awardees were:

Deborah Strong Champion for Children Award

Jan Middlemas, Director
Kalamazoo Child Abuse and Neglect Council

Collaboration Support Award

Sanilac County Kids' Connection

Newaygo County Council for
Prevention of Child Abuse
& Neglect

Community Support Award

WMIC/WTGV radio station
(Sanilac County)

Sanilac County DHS Employees

Lisa Lee and Chris Stovack
WUPS radio station
(Isabella County)



Sanilac County Healthy Families staff members Shelly Krueger, Sharon Cash, Kris Kreger and Gail Innis accept the Model Program Award. They are flanked by (at left) Richard Bearup and Congressman Fred Upton and (at right) Nancy Moody and Marianne Udow.

Local Council Excellence Award

Child Abuse Prevention Council
of Eaton County

Berrien County Council
for Children

Ogemaw County Child
Protection Council

Model Program Award

Sanilac 0-3 Healthy Families
(Sanilac County Child Abuse
Prevention Council)

Parenting Communities
(Leelanau County Family
Coordinating Council)

Public Awareness Campaign Award

Child Abuse & Neglect Council of
Oakland County (Penny Power)

Tri-County Coalition for the
Prevention of Child Abuse &
Neglect (Shaken Baby
Syndrome)

Volunteer of the Year Award

Carol Schmidt, Iosco County
Child Protection Council

*Congratulations again
to all awardees!*

CTF gratefully acknowledges the Kalamazoo County CAN Council and the many local contributors to this year's conference. The 2007 Annual Conference will be held October 9-11 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Children's Trust Fund to hold **Annual Auction**

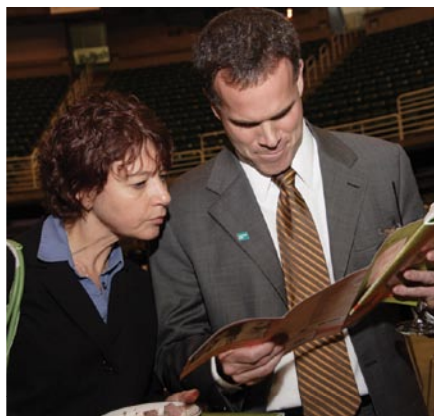
The Children's Trust Fund is set to hold its 5th annual "Cherish the Children: Ultimate Fantasy Auction" on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

These events have been a huge success by raising funds that CTF and local councils depend on to help prevent the child abuse that affects hundreds of Michigan homes each day.

The Ultimate Fantasy Auction is a positive and fun way for Michigan residents to raise money and help stop the abuse and neglect of Michigan's children. The 2006 auction raised \$379,400 and drew hundreds of local and state business leaders, officials and residents.

The event includes silent and live auctions, and features a variety of prized bid items. Past years' items have included a trip to Hawaii to the set of the hit TV program "LOST," a California vineyard tour and stay at the Sonoma Inn & Spa, a chance to be a fighter pilot for a day, as well as tickets to a variety of major sporting events.

Join in on the fun and bid on fabulous prizes. For ticket information or to donate an item for the Ultimate Fantasy Auction, please call Patricia Headley at 1-800-CHILDREN or email headleyp@michigan.gov. ■



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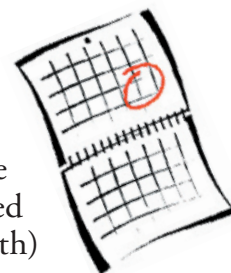
Welcome to CTF News Briefs! This monthly newsletter has been developed to better meet the needs of our local councils and direct service grantees. CTF will use this communication tool to share information on upcoming events, grant requirements and deadlines, capacity building tips, technical assistance concerns, and other prevention information. If you have announcements or events that you would like posted in the News Briefs, please submit them to Alan Stokes at StokesA@michigan.gov by the 10th of each month. We also welcome suggestions on content and ways to make this communication tool as useful and user-friendly as possible.

CTF Fall Training

The CTF Fall Training will take place on October 9-10, 2007, at the Henry Center in East Lansing. Day one, which focuses on local council needs, will examine evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and their implementation. Day two focuses on direct service grantees and will feature an intensive logic model and outcome accountability training. Each day of training will also include workshops on EGrAMS, data collection, and grant administration.

As a condition of the grant, all grantees are required to send one participant to at least one day of training. CTF will cover the costs (registration, lunch, and morning and afternoon snacks) of up to two attendees. **The registration deadline is Friday, September 7.** Registration information can be found on the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf. Group room rates must be reserved by Saturday, September 8. To secure a hotel reservation at Candlewood Suites (which is adjacent to the Henry Center) call 517.351.8181. Please contact Tricia Headley at 517.241.7226 (for accommodation/logistical questions) or Sarah Davis at 517.335.7770 (for program questions). We look forward to seeing you in October!

Upcoming Events



August 28-30: The WTCM Cares for Kids Radio-a-Thon will take place at the Preferred Outlets (on US 31 South) in Traverse City. Money raised will benefit counties in Northern Michigan including Wexford, Manistee, Benzie, Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Charlevoix, and Emmet. For more information, visit www.tccpcan.org.

August 29: The Tri-County Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is hosting Jeanne Fowler, author of Peter's Lullaby. The event will be held at the First Congregational Church in Traverse City from 1:00-3:00 p.m. To register, contact Linda Wood at 231.342.4641 or visit www.tccpcan.org.

September 21: The Tuscola Child Abuse & Neglect Council is holding the annual Teri Buhl Memorial Golf Scramble. The event will be held at the Arrowhead Golf and Country Club in Caro. To register, contact Amy Zeigler at 989.325.0815 or by email at tuscolacancouncil@yahoo.com.

Work Group Updates

Designation Agreement Work Group

This work group has met since mid-May to review and make revisions to the local council designation agreement template (that underwent significant changes in 2006). This group has met seven times over eleven weeks—including meeting with representatives from the Departments of Human Services and Management & Budget—to forge needed revisions. The final draft of the revised version is under review. An update concerning changes will be shared with local councils at the CTF Annual Training on October 9.

Designation agreement work group members include:

Cheryl Krapf-Haddock, Leader – Eaton County CAN Prevention Council
 Rich Bearup, Co-Leader – CTF
 Dawn Arwood – CTF
 Debra Cook – Northwest Council for the Prevention of CAN
 Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County
 Patricia Headley – CTF
 Mary Kreft – Iosco County Child Protection Council
 Taryn Mack – Region 1 Upper Peninsula
 Cindy McCann – Council for Children of Lapeer County
 Kim Musselman – Antrim County CAN Council
 Kim Ratulowski – Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center
 Kathy Reed – Northwest Council for

the Prevention of CAN
 Pat Rosen – CAN Council of Oakland County
 Robin Stechschulte – Shiawassee Council for CAN
 Alan Stokes – CTF
 Janell Thelen – CTF
 Annemarie Valdez – Child's Hope of Wayne County

Education Work Group

The education work group has been meeting since June 2007 to identify the communication and informational needs of CTF local councils. The group has discussed CTF governance and funding, local council tier requirements, communication and training needs, the CTF tax check-off, the local council orientation manual, and CAP Month.

Although initially formed as a temporary work group, members have found the discussions and action items to be useful and constructive. For example, the work group determined that monthly News Briefs would best meet the communication needs of local councils and direct service grantees. Therefore, the education work group will be ongoing at this point, with a focus on potential statewide awareness and CAP Month 2008 activities. If you are interested in participating in this work group, please contact Richard Bearup (CTF) or Ruth Rockwell (Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect).

Education work group members include:

Ruth Rockwell, Leader – Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
 Rich Bearup, Co-Leader – CTF
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 Alan Stokes – CTF
 Janell Thelen – CTF
 Annemarie Valdez – Child's Hope of Wayne County
 Chris Zenti – CAN Council of Marquette/Alger



Work Group Updates, continued

Capacity Building Work Group

This work group was convened in January 2007 and issued recommendations in June 2007. Recommendations to CTF included: increasing aggregate and individual funding to local councils over the next three years; designating a funding stream separate from designation agreements against which councils seeking to build capacity could apply and compete for funds; intentionally funding local councils at a proportionately higher level than direct service grants for a five-year period; and planning and implementing a mechanism that will move ten Tier I councils to Tier II status by September 30, 2008. These recommendations will be presented by the Executive Director to the Finance, Program, and Fund Development Committees of the CTF Board of Directors this fall.

Capacity building work group members include:

Annemarie Valdez, Chair – Child's Hope of Wayne County

Rich Bearup, Co-Chair – CTF

Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County

Patrick McLean – Washtenaw Council for Children

Pam Morrison – Genesee Consortium on CAN

Kim Norton – Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Pat Rosen – CAN Council of Oak-

land County

Sally Straffon – St. Clair County CAN Council, Inc.

Alan Stokes – CTF

Standards Work Group

The standards work group convened in January 2007 and submitted its recommendations in May 2007. The work group issued a report identifying prevention standards for each local council tier. These recommendations, as listed below, have been presented by the Executive Director to the CTF Board of Directors Program Committee for review and adoption this fall.

Standards for effective prevention programs to be provided by all local councils are:

- Family-centered
- Culturally sensitive and culturally competent
- Offer an early start
- Developmentally appropriate
- Empowerment and strength-based approach
- Flexible and responsive
- Universally available and voluntary
- Comprehensive and integrated
- Easily accessible
- Long-term and adequate intensity

Tier I

- Are community-based
- Link with informal and formal supports
- Build on sound program structure, design, and practices

- Provide data collection and documentation
- Establish outcomes and conduct evaluations
- Have a committed Board of Directors
- Work collaboratively with the community

Tier II:

Meet all Tier I standards, plus:

- Provide adequate funding and long-range planning
- Developed through a partnership approach
- Committed, caring staff (optional)

Tier III:

Meet all Tier I and II standards, plus:

- Committed, caring staff (required)

Standards work group members include:

Dee Obrecht, Chair – Child & Family Enrichment Council

Patricia Headley, Co-Chair – CTF

Dawn Arwood – CTF

Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County

Kim Ratulowski – Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center

Taryn Mack – Region 1 Upper Peninsula

Jennifer McMahon – Bay Council for CAN

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Important Grantee Deadlines

September 5, 2007: Contact your CTF grant monitor if you have any unspent FY 2007 CTF grant funds. Possible reasons for unspent funds could be late program start ups or staffing issues. Any unspent funds should include only CTF funds—do not include other funding sources in this total.

October 3, 2007: All local councils and direct service grantees (except direct service grantees that started their grant cycle prior to October 1, 2006) must submit their 4th Quarter Statement of Expenditures (for local councils) or EGrAMS Financial Status Report (for direct services) no later than October 3 to avoid a delayed payment. Reports submitted after this day may delay your payment until after January 2008.

New CTF Logo

CTF is pleased to unveil our new logo! The logo portrays the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as green imprints of a child's hands, framed against blue water and a yellow sun. If you are a CTF local council or direct service grantee, please replace the former CTF logo wherever feasible. The new logo is attached to this News Briefs email as a gif file (for website usage), a tiff file (for commercial printing and high resolution usage), and a jpg file (for use with Microsoft Word and Excel). When you use the logo, please do not change or distort the image. In most software applications, holding down the shift key while resizing will prevent distortion.

NEW:



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OLD:



To comply with grant agreements, the CTF logo should be placed on any new materials (such as newsletters or brochures) and included on program websites. When inserting the logo on your website, please provide a hyperlink to the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf. If you need assistance, please contact Alan Stokes.



CTF Website Continues to Grow

To better meet the needs of our prevention partners, three new features have been added to the CTF website.

Interactive Map: An interactive map enables web visitors to click on any county in Michigan and find information on all CTF funded programs in the area. Visitors can access the map at any time by clicking on the green "Children's Trust Fund Programs" icon located in the right margin of each webpage.



Children's Trust Fund Programs

New Content Category: A new "Training" category (located in the left margin) has been added to highlight CTF and partner-sponsored trainings. To post information on relevant prevention or CAN trainings, please send training announcements (in electronic formats only) to CTF Webmaster Alan Stokes at StokesA@michigan.gov. Information will be automatically removed 48 hours after an event.

Literature Request Web Form: Prevention partners can request CTF resources by clicking on the Quick Link to the "Literature Request Form" in the right margin. Orders are automatically sent to Alan Stokes, CTF Community Awareness Coordinator. A new feature allows users to view materials before ordering and/or print them internally for time sensitive occasions.

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CTF Welcomes New Grantees

CTF welcomes three new direct service grantees to our prevention network. Starting October 1, 2007, the new grantees are:

Berrien ISD (Berrien County)

Contact: Claudia Vescolani

Email: cvescola@remc11.k12.mi.us

Phone: 269-471-7725 Ext. 354



The Parents as Teachers program expansion will serve an additional 80 Latino families. Two bilingual parent educators will deliver monthly home-based personal visits using the Born to Learn Curriculum. All participating parents will be encouraged to attend monthly group meetings with their children. Children will be routinely screened for developmental delays using the Brigance Screen and will also receive hearing and vision screening.

MSU Extension - Leelanau County Family Coordinating Council (Leelanau County)

Contact: Maggie Sprattmoran

Email: Maggie@leelanauchildrenscenter.org

Phone: 231-357-2732



Leelanau Children's Center

Parenting Communities is a universal prevention program for Leelanau families with young children. The project expansion will embed Parenting Communities in three more Leelanau child care programs and reach working families with young children. Parenting Communities is based on the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education model and offers family support assistance to Leelanau families with young children. This program includes playgroups, parent education groups, and home visits.

Marcellus Community Schools (Cass County)

Contact: Nannette Pauley

Email: npauley@marcelluscs.org

Phone: 269-782-9716 Ext. 601



The Volinia Outcomes Community Day Program will utilize the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program. Triple P is a multi-level system of parenting and family support with five distinct levels, each increasing in intensity. Other services include an extended teen parenting education program, multiple types of counseling (group, individual, family, and parent-teen), incorporation of the OJJDP Model Program SMART Team, respite service, family fun nights, weekly academic tutoring, a series of parenting education forums, and on-site child care services.

Upcoming Events

September 27: Child's Hope, the Child Abuse and Prevention Council of Wayne County-Out, will hold its Third Annual Hopes and Dreams "Girls' Night Out." Last year's event was sold out! The evening begins with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, select wines, and an artist market. The featured Neiman Marcus fashion show and dinner at the Fairlane Club will follow. For more information and to purchase tickets contact Annemarie Valdez at 313-583-6401.

September 29: The Nalo Therapy Center is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Keys to Helping Traumatized Children" for adoptive, foster, and kinship parents and professionals who work with parents. The workshop will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lapeer from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact the Nalo Therapy Center at 810-667-4111.



October 8: The Sigma Delta Tau sorority is hosting a fundraiser to benefit CTF as the Michigan chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. The event will be held at bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Okemos (6080 W. Grand River) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$1.00 from the purchase of each stir-fry meal and each milkshake will be donated to CTF. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Elle at subarrev@msu.edu by Oct. 1.

October 16: The Volinia Outcomes school is hosting a free seminar on Bipolar Disorder and ADHD. Learn more about these disorders and how individuals and families can get help. Author Laurie Assadi from the Clinical Center for Learning and Development will be presenting. Free childcare will be provided, and seminars are open to parents and service providers. The Volinia Outcomes School will host ongoing free parenting seminars, including seminars on October 23 (TBA), November 6 (prescription drugs) and November 13 (alcohol/tobacco/marijuana). All seminars will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have questions or plan to attend, contact Mary Karabetsos at 269-782-9716.

October 20: Join the Washtenaw Area Council for Children at their 2nd Annual "Autumn Delights: A Chocolate and Wine Tasting and Silent Auction." The event is from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gladwin Barn and Grounds in Ann Arbor. Silent auction items include a hot air balloon ride and passes to Walt Disney World. Proceeds will benefit the council. For more information and to reserve your spot, call Marcia Dykstra at 734-434-4215 or visit www.washtenawchildren.org.

October 23: The Washtenaw Area Council for Children is hosting a 2007-2008 lecture series entitled "Looking at the Larger Picture: Critical Issues in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect." The first lecture in this series, "When Home is Where the Heart is, but so is Substance Abuse," will be presented on October 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw

Intermediate School District Building in Ann Arbor. To register and for more information, contact 734-434-4215 or Marcia@washtenawchildren.org or visit www.washtenawchildren.org for a downloadable brochure.

November 30: Child's Hope is hosting the "Save Our Children Summit 2007: Addressing the Crisis in Michigan Foster Care." The all-day event will be held at the Fairlane Center-North at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Session topics are "Experiences of Living in Foster Care," "Issues in Foster Care in Michigan Today," and "Reform: Creating a Plan for Change." The \$15 per person fee includes all sessions, a continental breakfast, and lunch. For more information call 313-583-6401 or visit www.childshope.org.

Second Monday of Each Month: The Nalo Therapy Center is offering a Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents Support Group. The group provides a space for parents and guardians to share the trials and successes of the adoption and foster parent process. The group meets at the Nalo Therapy Center (1134 S. Lapeer Road) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 810-667-4111 for more information.

Ongoing: Participate in album making with adoptive, foster, and kinship families as they preserve their memories in albums. Proceeds benefit the Nalo Therapy Center's Adoptive, Foster, and Kinship Support Groups and Workshops. Contact Karen Hatch at 734-231-7427 or hatchk@sbcglobal.net for information on the next scheduled workshop.



Fall Training October 9 & 10

CTF looks forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Training next month! Before the training, please take time to review the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Guidelines which discuss evidence-based and evidence-informed practices (EBP/EIP). Since both days of training will present information on EBP/EIP, reviewing these materials will help the training be most effective for you and your program. The guidelines will also familiarize you with some of CTF's federal reporting guidelines and emerging practices.

For your convenience, the CBCAP Guidelines are posted on the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf under the Training section. Please contact CTF at 1-800-CHILDREN with any training questions.

As a reminder, the training is being held at the The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910-3831. Tel: 517-353-4350.

Day one will examine EBP/EIP and program implementation. Day two will feature logic model and outcome accountability training. Each day of training will also include workshops on EGrAMS and data collection.

PIMS Training

CTF has scheduled a PIMS training and technical assistance session for direct service grantees that use PIMS with their home visitation programs. The training will be conducted by a national PIMS trainer on December 4, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The training will be held at the Lansing Office of Professional Development, 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. There are no fees to attend this training. Your travel costs may be charged to the appropriate line item in your CTF direct services allocation. CTF Analyst Sylvia Brown Jones is the PIMS technical assistance contact.

Grant Monitor Site Visits

Due to statewide travel moratoriums and budget cuts, CTF will provide triennial site visits for direct service grantees unless technical assistance is needed or warranted. This change is in effect until further notice.

October Deadlines for Grantees

Financial Reports

All local councils and direct service grantees (except direct service grantees that started their grant cycle prior to October 1, 2006) must submit their 4th Quarter Statement of Expenditures (for local councils) or EGrAMS Financial Status Report (for direct services) no later than **October 3** to avoid a delayed payment. Reports submitted after this day may delay your payment until after January 2008.



4th Quarter Reports

All local council and direct service grantees must submit their 4th Quarter reports on EGrAMS by **October 20**. If you have questions about how to submit timely and accurate data, please contact your CTF grant monitor. EGrAMS and data collection training will also be offered at the Fall Training.

CTF NEWS BRIEFS

New CTF License Plate

CTF unveiled its new license plate this summer. The plate portrays CTF's new logo depicting the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as green imprints of a child's hands framed against blue water and a yellow sun. The Children's Trust Fund name appears at the bottom of the plate in green, red, and blue lettering.

Sales and renewals of CTF plates provide funding to local councils and direct service grantees. Plates may be ordered at a branch office or through the mail. Order forms are available on the Department of State website at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Fundraising plates can be purchased for \$35, with \$25 earmarked for the special cause. The plates may be personalized for an additional \$30 and are available in a disability version. When plates are renewed, \$10 is sent to the special cause.



Visit the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf



Website Highlights

CTF wants to help publicize your organization's events and announcements! Please consider designating someone in your agency to send promotional materials to CTF. All materials must be electronic. Please be sure to also send any updates to the program listing to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov.

To help familiarize you with the website, CTF has developed a tutorial module that provides an orientation to the website. The module is housed on the Training page and will be updated as new features are implemented.

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25th Anniversary Event Save the Date!

This year marks CTF's 25th Anniversary. To celebrate, CTF is hosting an anniversary event on November 2. The honorary guest will be U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, who sponsored the CTF statute as a State Representative in 1982.

What: CTF 25th Anniversary Celebration
When: Friday evening, November 2, 2007
Where: Orchard Lake, MI

More details on the event will be announced in October. Please contact Rich Bearup, CTF Executive Director, at 517-335-1938 for more information.

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